

Guide to the Underwood Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Underwood family

TITLE: Underwood family papers

DATES: 1860-1939

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.5 linear feet (1 box, 1 folio)

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SUMMARY: Principal figures in these papers are Clara A. Case Underwood, her daughter, Clara Beatrice, and son, Eugene Bertrand. Included is some family correspondence (1860-1904), an autograph album kept by Clara A. Underwood, European travel diaries and notes written by Clara Beatrice Underwood (1903), and various certificates of membership and diplomas of Eugene Bertrand Underwood and his first wife, Lottie Elizabeth Treat Underwood.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Eugene B. Underwood, 1940-1948, and Mr. Ray Sanborn, 1947.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

Eugene Bertrand Underwood, 1873-1960

In the engineering and contracting business; *address*, Box 1322, New Haven, Conn.

Residence, "Pinoak," Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Conn.

Underwood has been engaged in the electrical business under his own name for some years. From 1907 to 1917 he was also president of the Brown & Underwood Automobile Company, distributors of Cadillac cars for New Haven County. He was at one time with the General Electric Company in Schenectady and Lynn, and he has also been connected with the electrical department of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

Underwood is a Baptist. He served as secretary of the Yale Alumni Association of New Haven from its organization in 1909 until 1926, and from 1920 to 1926 he was also its treasurer. Since 1926 he has been a vice-president of the organization, in charge of scholarship matters. Underwood served in the Connecticut State Guard from December 6, 1917 to May 13, 1921. During the next nine months he was a Private in the Connecticut National Guard.

Underwood has been married twice, his first marriage taking place in New Haven, May 25, 1899, to Lottie Elizabeth Treat, daughter of George A. and Emma C. (Hine) Treat. They had two children, Bertrand, who was born April 12, 1903, and died May 17, 1903, and Charlotte, who was born and died March 20, 1905. Mrs. Underwood's death occurred in Woodbridge, on March 16, 1923. In September, 1923, Underwood was married to Katherine Irene Kelly, of New Haven.

From *Thirty-Year Record of the Class of 1896, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University*, 1928.

Scope and Contents

The Underwood Family Papers concern Judson B. Underwood, his wife, Clara A. Case, their daughter Clara Beatrice Underwood, their son Eugene Bertrand Underwood, and the latter's wife, Lottie Elizabeth Treat. The papers include seven letters to family members, typed transcripts of travel journals, an autograph album, and assorted diplomas and certificates. In the correspondence are one letter each from Henry W. Farnam, Arthur T. Hadley, and Andrew Phillips to Clara B. Underwood, secretary in the Yale University Graduate School.

These papers were donated to Yale University by Eugene B. Underwood between 1940 and 1948, and by M. Ray Sanborn in 1947.

Collection Contents

Inventory, 1860-1939

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Family Correspondence | 1860-1904 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Clara A. (Case) Underwood: autograph album | 1862-1876 |
| | Clara B. Underwood | |
| b. 1, f. 3 - 4 | European travel notes | 1903 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | "Notes of Our Tour 1903" for Louise Richards, with cover letter English | 1903 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Trip to Italy and Greece | 1903 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | "The Amateur Traveler, or, In Search of Ferny Hallways," sent to Clara B. Underwood by Margery Bailey English | 1930 |
| b. 2 | Passport | 1914 June 30 |
| | Eugene Bertrand Underwood | |
| b. 2 | Chautauqua Reading Union certificate | 1888-1889 |
| b. 2 | Washington School certificate | 1889 April 20 |
| b. 2 | New Haven High School diploma | 1893 April 25 |
| b. 2 | Military Certificate, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University | 1896 June 10 |
| b. 2 | Connecticut State Guard, appointment as Sergeant in sanitary detachment | 1919 May 17 |
| b. 2 | Connecticut State Guard, discharge | 1921 May 13 |
| b. 2 | Connecticut National Guard, discharge | 1922 February 7 |
| b. 2 | J. B. Underwood: Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Connecticut certificate | 1882 July 24 |
| | Lottie Elizabeth (Treat) Underwood | |
| b. 2 | New Haven High School diploma | 1892 April 28 |
| b. 2 | Welch Training School for Teachers certificate | 1893 June 30 |
| b. 2 | Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle certificate | 1897 August 18 |
| b. 2 | Daughters of the American Revolution application | 1911 April 17 |
| b. 2 | Daughters of the American Revolution certificate | 1911 September 23 |
| b. 2 | Henry C. Morse: appointment to Masonic degree of Royal Arch Mason | 1861 October 8 |
| b. 2 | Map of the Yale Engineering Camp | 1934 |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Families

Geographic Names

Europe -- Description and travel

Genres / Formats

Autographs

Diaries

Names

Underwood, Clara Beatrice

Underwood, Clare A. Case

Underwood, Eugene Bertrand, 1873-1960

Underwood, Lottie Elizabeth Treat, d. 1923

Families

Underwood family